on the basis of the proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

Tourism potential in Uttar Pradesh

75. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the vast and varied tourism potential of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the places/units which have been identified for being developed as potential tourists spots during the Eleventh Five year Plan;

(d) whether any integrated planning has been done for development of these places;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total allocation proposed to be made on these places?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (f) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Government/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under the Scheme of 'Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits'.

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

It is further stated that amounts of Rs. 9604.88 lakh and Rs. 2738.32 lakh have been sanctioned for development and promotion of tourism in Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Plan period and during the current financial year respectively.

Requirement of hotels before Commonwealth Games

76. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of hotel rooms before the 2010 Commonwealth Games;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure that required rooms are constructed on time;

(c) whether there is a shortage of funds pounded by the rupee appreciation in recent months; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to augment the funds for tourism industry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism has assessed that NCR Delhi would require approximately 40,000 hotel rooms to meet the requirement of the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(b) Ministry of Tourism is in constant touch with the various Land Owning Agencies like DDA, Ministry of Urban Development, Railways, Ministry of Civil Aviation, etc. to identify additional hotel sites. These agencies and the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh have also